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UM SETS FOURTH ANNUAL WRITERS' WORKSHOP FOR AUG. 25-31

MISSOULA --

Four nationally acclaimed authors will offer personalized input on varied types of writing at The University of Montana's fourth annual Yellow Bay Writers' Workshop, August 25 through 31.

July 1 is the application deadline for the week-long workshop in the informal setting of UM's biological research station on Flathead Lake.

Faculty members are: Robert Boswell and Antonya Nelson, fiction; Linda Gregg, poetry; and Al Young, creative non-fiction. In addition, this year's workshop will feature special guest Terry McDonnell, editor-in-chief of Esquire magazine.

Boswell is the author of two novels, "The Geography of Desire" and "Crooked Hearts." His collection of stories, "Dancing in the Movies," won the Iowa School of Letters Award for Short Fiction in 1985. His stories have appeared in "Best American Short Stories," "O. Henry Prize Stories," The New Yorker, Esquire, TriQuarterly and other publications. He is on the faculty of New Mexico State University's Warren Wilson MFA Program for Writers and has received fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Guggenheim Foundation.

Nelson's first book, "The Expendables," won the 1989 Flannery

O'Connor Award for Short Fiction. "In the Land of Men," a collection of her short stories, is forthcoming. Her stories have appeared in Esquire, Playgirl, The North American Review, TriQuarterly, and Antioch Review, as well as in several recent anthologies: "The Company of Dogs," "American Fiction '88" and the forthcoming "Louder Than Words, II." She is on the creative writing faculty at New Mexico State University and has received grants from the Illinois Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Gregg has published four books of poetry: "Too Bright to See," "Eight Poems," Alma" and "The Sacraments of Desire." She has won numerous prizes and awards including the Pushcart Prize, the Whiting Writer's Award and a Guggenheim fellowship. Her poetry is widely anthologized and has appeared in many publications including The New Yorker, The Paris Review and American Poetry Review. She has served as faculty or resident poet for Centrum, the Aspen Writers' Conference, the University of Alaska, the University of Washington and the Loft Mentor Series. In addition, she has taught at the University of Houston and the University of Iowa Writer's Workshop.

Young, a poet, novelist and screenwriter, has written five novels: "Snakes," "Who is Angelina?," "Sitting Pretty," "Ask Me Now" and "Seduction by Light." His books of poetry include "The Song Turning Back into Itself," "Geography of the Near Past," "The Blues Don't Change" and "Heaven: Poems 1958-1988." He has worked as a professional musician and written musical memoirs including "Bodies & Soul," "Kinds of Blue" and "Things Ain't What They Used to Be." With

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Ishmael Reed, he co-founded "Yardbird Lives! and co-edited "Calafia: The California Poetry." As a screenwriter, he has written scripts for Sidney Poitier, Bill Cosby and Richard Pryor. He is a lecturer in literature and creative writing at the University of California at Santa Cruz.

Enrollment in each faculty member's workshop is limited, and applications will be reviewed and accepted as they arrive. Applications must include a five-page writing sample and a one-page biography. Also due on July 1 is a deposit of \$150 toward the workshop registration fee of \$350. The balance of the fee must be paid by August 1.

The registration fee covers all regular workshop events, optional academic credit and the Aug. 25 opening-day festivities, which include a reception, barbecue and readings by David Long, Sheryl Noethe and Lynda Sexson. Lodging and meals at Yellow Bay cost \$225 for the week. Round-trip transportation from Missoula to Yellow Bay is available for \$36 per person.

For a brochure and application form, contact the Yellow Bay Writers' Workshop, Center for Continuing Education, The University of Montana, Missoula 59812; 243-6486.

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